Dear colleagues:

As 2008 comes to an end, it is time for a retrospective analysis of what IAPD has achieved in the course of this year. In my last report I referred to a number of subjects and goals that had to be addressed. These included finances, expenditure reduction, Regional Meetings, the promotion of DENFAC, increasing the number of members, and a review of the committee appointment system. Some of these aims were fulfilled but not all, and some pleasant surprises enriched our organization. To be more specific:

1. Our financial situation remained unchanged. We did not find any new sources to increase our income. At this stage professional fund raising is costly to IAPD, and the rise in travel costs increased instead of being reduced.

2. DENFAC activities in 2008 were practically non-existent. Only one country applied, but their conditions could not be met.

3. The first Regional Meeting took place in South Africa and, thanks to our members Dr. Janet Gritzman and Dr. Morenike Ukpong, under the guidance of our Secretary Prof. Gerald Wright, we gained about 100 new members for Africa. The valuable contribution of the speakers, Profs. Jens Andreasen and Goran Koch who volunteered to participate in this event without remuneration contributed significantly to the success of this meeting.

Colombia will be our second Regional Meeting, which will be held in April 2009. Due to the extraordinary efforts of our member Dr. Francisco Hernandez, President of the Colombian Society of Pediatric Dentistry, together with the collaboration of our Board member Dr. Jorge Luis Castillo, we foresee another success. Thanks to Dr. Castillo, IAPD set up a booth promoting the Regional Meeting in Colombia at the Latin American Congress (ALOP) in Venezuela. A booth promoting the Colombian Regional Meeting and the IAPD Congress in Munich was also set up at the Brazilian Congress of Dentistry for Babies, in S. Paulo, Brazil, thanks to the kindness of Dr. Pedro Garcia Fernandes, President of the Congress.

As a prelude to a possible Regional Meeting, our Secretary General was invited to Hyderabad, India to discuss this and participate in the 30th ISPPD Meeting. The meeting was well-attended and over 100 new Indian members joined IAPD. For the first time, IAPD now has a significant presence in India.

4. IAPD registered some good results in its efforts to increase the number of individual members and that of National Societies. Non-member countries like Panama, Uruguay, Venezuela, Russia, and Egypt demonstrated genuine interest in joining IAPD and filled out the forms for membership proposal. Professionals from African countries joined IAPD as individual members as a result of their participation in the Regional Meeting that took place in South Africa. Colleagues from Brazil, Israel, Panama and India submitted or promised to send in their application for individual membership.

Through the CEO, Mr. John Rutkauskas, contact has also been made with the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry (AAPD) to promote IAPD. Mr. Rutkauskas wrote that he would have no problem in posting periodic updates on IAPD activities, which would be published in the PDT (Newsletter) on a space availability basis. The first update is being prepared and will be sent to the AAPD in early 2009.

5. In addition, IAPD is about to sign a contract with Prof. Jens Andreasen to allow individual IAPD members to access through our website a Trauma Interactive Database (TID), an area that undoubtedly interests dentists worldwide. Each day more professionals demonstrate their interest in becoming IAPD individual members as they realize the benefits our organization is able to provide.

6. Despite our request for IAPD members interested in serving on committees to contact the President Elect or myself, not many members responded. Hence, I personally contacted several members who, in my judgment, could contribute substantially to the different committees. They have fulfilled my expectations and most committees are working efficiently.

Dear friends, I want to emphasize what I wrote earlier: the children of the world need IAPD's help. DENFAC is still our best tool to promote oral health by teaching teachers in less developed countries. We should try to revitalize this excellent project for the benefit of children worldwide. The world is suffering one of the worst financial crises of the century, and it will affect the economy of almost every country. The need for support will grow and the means to provide it will decrease. We have to administer our budget intelligently in order to achieve the maximum results with the limited means at our disposal.

As we start the New Year I wish IAPD a fruitful year, many fine achievements, and for all of our members and their families a HEALTHY AND HAPPY 2009.

Anna B. Fuks
President IAPD
Secretary General’s Message

As I begin to compose this message, I realize that we are approaching the end of the year. Let me therefore wish everyone a good holiday season and a Happy and Healthy New Year. It also reminds me that we are a few months away from our next Congress in Munich. I hope everyone is making plans to attend. Please think about competing for an award, or letting your name stand for the Board, and letting the Secretariat know who will be your nation’s Council delegate.

There are a number of issues that concern our membership. The FDI is planning to move offices from Ferney Voltaire across the border to Geneva, Switzerland. This means that our Secretariat moves as well. The move is expected to take place in about 4 months. While there will be the usual unsettling that is created by any move, I expect that we will still have “business as usual”. Another issue of concern is the financial crisis in the world today. I am not sure how it will affect us, but the currency instability could influence our financial position. It is not something to worry about and once the year-end financial statements are prepared, I will be able to report more on this to the Board and to Council.

This past one and half years has seen more IAPD growth. Eight national societies have written the Secretariat inquiring about becoming members of IAPD. Of this group, two have already submitted application for membership. This means that the IAPD family will grow to more than 50 nations. There also has been growth of Individual membership. In November, Professors Goran Koch and Jens Andreasen delivered lectures at the first IAPD Regional meeting in Johannesburg, South Africa.

The meeting was attended by South Africans as well as those from other African nations and from all reports it was a very successful meeting.

Profs. Koch and Andreasen with Nigerian dentists

There is one other exciting piece of news. The Board reached agreement with Prof. Jens Andreasen to access his newly developed Interactive Trauma database. You will hear more about this in the new year. It will be available on the internet in the Spring '09 for our members use.

Gerald Wright

Message from the IAPD Editor

At the IAPD Board Meeting in Dubrovnik May 29, 2008, in connection with the EAPD meeting, I presented the IAPD Editor’s report compiling Journal events up to that date. It was clear that the quality and number of submitted manuscripts are steadily increasing in quality and the number of submitted manuscript was now about 300 manuscripts a year. The overall circulation had increased by 21% in 2007 compared to 2006. At this occasion a well attended Editorial Board Meeting was held. A number of issues were discussed such as the circulation, downloading of papers from the journal, topics for thematic issues etc. The suggestions from that meeting were then further discussed at the Management Committee Meeting held in Stockholm December 11, 2008, where Göran Dahlöf, Editor-in-Chief; Helen Rodd, Hon. Editor BSPD (by telephone); Göran Koch, Hon. Editor IAPD; and Thomas Trier-Mørk, Wiley-Blackwell were present. The agenda and outcome of this meeting can in short be described as follows:

**Editor-in-Chief report:** 307 manuscripts were submitted up to December 1 in 2008. Of these 232 had been rejected, 50 accepted, and 24 were pending. The average number of days from submission to final decision was 53 days. The authors of the manuscripts represented 49 countries.

**Publisher’s report:** A lot of statistics on circulation and downloads for 2008 were presented and analyzed. In general an increase was seen for all parameters discussed.

**Impact factor:** A preliminary analysis based on available data showed a good possibility that the IJPD will achieve a good score in the Impact factor list, however, the final results will be released first in June 2009.

**Programme in Munich:** As a result of the very successful activity on “How to write a manuscript” in the Hong Kong programme the IJPD has been given the possibility to present a programme at the Munich congress. The tentative title is “What is the future for journals in Paediatric Dentistry?” where editors from a number of highly reputable journals are invited to discuss which type of manuscripts will be the most important and attractive in the years to come. **Topics for thematic issues:** It was decided that the topic for 2010 should be “Dental Anomalies” and the preparations would start immediately.

The meeting was very productive and we all highlighted the excellent work by our Editor-in-Chief Professor Göran Dahlöf, who, to our great pleasure and importance to the IAPD, has accepted to continue as Editor-in-Chief for IJPD.

Göran Koch
The Israeli Society of Dentistry for Children promotes, in addition to its regular activities, a two day annual meeting focusing on a specific subject, with speakers from Israel and/or abroad. This year over 130 members & guests attended the meeting on November 13 and 14th, attracted by the unconventional subject “Economy and Caries” and by the reputation and caliber of the speakers. Prof, Marisa Maltz, Professor and Researcher of the Department of Cariology, Faculty of Odontology, Federal University of Rio Grande do Sul, Brazil presented three lectures entitled: The clinical management of the DISEASE dental caries in the 21st century: an evidence based approach. The lectures provided some basic elements of Evidence Based Dentistry and presented examples on the clinical approach of treatment of the disease caries (including mainly non-surgical approach).

This meeting also included several other local speakers: Dr. Rafi Fisher Tel Aviv University: Planning, Admin and Marketing a Dental Practice in the 21st century: the financial aspect of a dental office.

Mr. Itzik Aroya – Financial Consultant: Pension savings on a changing market: all you wanted to know and didn’t dare asking.

Speakers from The Hadassah School of Dental Medicine Hebrew University, Jerusalem included Dr. Elnor Alperson, Dr. Esti Davidovitz, and Dr. Ravit Barenboim, who presented: Oral and dental health of children with AIDS and HIV carriers in Ethiopia. A most interesting presentation where Dr. Barenboim described her impressions of treating children living in an orphanage.

Prof. Anna B. Fuks
IAPD President

1st African Regional Meeting
Johannesburg, South Africa, 2-3rd November 2008

This meeting was hosted by Dr Janet Gritzman, Dr Mirenike Ukpong, Dr Geoff Melman and colleagues following discussions with Gerald Wright. It was attended by approximately 100 paediatric dentists representing 20 African Nations. Jens Andreasen and Göran Koch were the Principle speakers sponsored through the IAPD. Additional speakers were Dr F. Bergland and Prof. P. Van Der Vyver. Mark Hector, IAPD President Elect, attended the meeting.

As well as recruiting about one hundred new members, the meeting was a great success and the tremendous work done by Goran and Jens was much appreciated.

One very significant outcome of the conference was the setting up of a working group tasked with coordinating the activities of Paediatric Dentists across Africa, by arranging future congresses and educational programmes in the years to come.

Göran and Jens – A ‘Powerpoint’ moment

This was an important milestone because frequently there are only a tiny group of dentists in African countries who do have a special interest in children and they feel isolated. It is fair to say that Goran and I were quite moved by the enthusiasm shown by the group’s discussions and in a small way we were able to help them. This group deserves our continued support in order to develop.

Mark Hector, Pres. Elect

Future Congresses & Meetings Register soon!

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The Awards Committee like to remind all those individual members of IAPD that will participate in the 22nd IAPD Congress that they are eligible for the following travel bursaries and awards/prizes:

- 3 Travel Bursaries
- Bright Smiles-Bright Future Award
- Bengt Magnusson Memorial Prize
- Morita Prize
- Jens Andreasen Award

Information on the above as well as on the rules for participation and application are described on our website and have been advertised in our journal. Information can also be obtained from the IAPD Secretariat.

Please visit [http://www.iapdworld.org/](http://www.iapdworld.org/) and click on “bursaries and awards”
Dear Colleagues,

The following positions for the IAPD Board are open to nomination: President Elect, Sec. General, Honorary Editor and Three Representatives of the Nations

As Chair of the nominations committee I have contacted the Board members eligible for a further term in the Board to determine their interest in continuing in their present position. From them, the Secretary General, Professor Gerald Wright, the Representatives of the Nations, Professor WE Van Amerongen and Professor Jorge Luis Castillo informed me in writing, their willingness to serve another term in their present position.

According to the IAPD Constitution and By-Laws, nominations for new members of the Board of Directors may be made either by a National Member-Society and supported by a second National Member-Society or may be proposed by the President of the IAPD, Board of Directors and supported by two National Member-Societies. Nominations for new Board members should be made on the Association’s nomination form. Every nomination form should be accompanied by a letter, in which a statement is made ensuring that the nominee has a sufficient knowledge of and ability to communicate in English, in

TO THE ATTENTION OF THE NATIONAL MEMBER-SOCIETIES OF IAPD

It is preferable that those letters to be attached to the nomination proposal. Existing Board members eligible for re-election do not require re-nomination by National Member Societies. They require, however, a simple nomination by the President of the Board.

The new representative of the Nations will have the responsibility for the IAPD website and needs to have, in addition to a good command of English, the technical knowledge to work with the IAPD IT firm in developing and maintaining the website.

All documentation should be sent by written letter or fax to the Secretariat by the 17th of April 2009, at the latest, that is 60 days before the Council meeting in Munich.

The Secretariat will then send copies to the Secretary General and to the Chair of the Nominations Committee.

Prof. Lisa Papagiannoulis
Past- President
Chair of the Nominations Committee

Message from the Chairman of 22nd IAPD Congress

Pinnacles in Paediatric Dentistry, Munich, Germany, 17-20 June 2009

Dear Colleagues

The 22nd Congress of the International Association of Paediatric Dentistry is approaching and it is our pleasure to announce that all preparations for the congress are running smoothly and without any incidents.

First of all we are proud that nearly 50 top-class speakers from all over the world followed our invitation to give a lecture during the congress dedicated to the motto "Pinnacles in Paediatric Dentistry". Thanks to them we were able to set up a most interesting scientific programme. The latest version is published on our website. Please note that the programme is subject to slight changes.

Most importantly for all delegates we are glad to announce that the abstract submission is online now. Scientists and (paediatric) dentists are invited to submit their latest scientific results and findings as an abstract for the 22nd IAPD Congress! The deadline for submitting an abstract is February 1st, 2009. The abstract submission guidelines as well as the link to the online submission form are available on our website www.iapd2009.org.

An attractive early bird registration fee will be granted until April 9, 2009. Therefore we recommend registering early. The registration form with more detailed information can be found on our website.

We look forward to receiving your abstract and registration for the congress.

Kind regards from Munich,
Prof. Dr. Reinhard Hickel
Chairman of the Local Organising Committee

Please visit www.iapd2009.org

Nominations for Officers and Members of the IAPD Board for 2009-2011

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